

By: Representative McLean

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 171

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND CONGRATULATING THE CALEDONIA HIGH  
2 SCHOOL CAVALIERS VOLLEYBALL TEAM AND HEAD COACH SAMANTHA BROOKS  
3 FOR WINNING THEIR FIRST EVER MISSISSIPPI HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES  
4 ASSOCIATION CLASS 4A STATE VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP.

5 WHEREAS, the Caledonia High School Cavaliers Volleyball Team  
6 served victory when they beat Pass Christian High School to win  
7 the 2022 Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA)  
8 Class 4A State Volleyball Championship for the first time in  
9 program history; and

10 WHEREAS, the Cavaliers, who had a superior season that was  
11 driven by more than just the yearning to succeed, intensely  
12 amplified all of their hard work, motivation and audacity, which  
13 were so apparent all through the season, for the game that  
14 ultimately rewarded them with the championship trophy; and

15 WHEREAS, aside from a tough start to the first set, the  
16 Cavaliers cruised their way into a comfortable Set 2 win and a  
17 comfortable lead in Set 3, up as much as nine points over Pass  
18 Christian, and the final set scores were 25-20, 25-15 and 25-18,  
19 as their mental toughness never wavered from the moment the first



20 serve was made until the dogpile commenced after the Cavaliers  
21 sealed their victory; and

22 WHEREAS, Set 1 of the state title game felt like both teams  
23 were trying to feel everything out from the crowd to the court to  
24 the opponent, and Pass Christian took advantage of some early  
25 Caledonia mistakes and took an early 8-3 lead off the jump; and

26 WHEREAS, Caledonia settled in and cut the Pass Christian lead  
27 down to 14-13 after an amazing 10-6 run, and from there, the  
28 Cavaliers had really found their footing and finished the set on a  
29 10-5 run to take a 1-0 match lead; and

30 WHEREAS, a large contingent of Caledonia fans, especially  
31 students, traveled with the team to the championship series, and  
32 kept them motivated throughout all three sets, and libero Emma  
33 McKee had a fantastic service game, as switching up her serve kept  
34 the other team on their toes; and

35 WHEREAS, while Pass Christian was unable to adjust, Caledonia  
36 was the exact opposite, maturing well into the match, with players  
37 like Mary Beth Edmondson and Brianna Holliman having great  
38 offensive games; and

39 WHEREAS, Set 3 was an even more exaggerated example of  
40 success from the Cavaliers, who rode an 8-1 run behind McKee to  
41 take a commanding 17-9 lead in the set, and they saved a point off  
42 a kill attempt from the Pass Christian Pirates' outside hitter,  
43 and when Mary Beth rose up for what Caledonia hoped was the final  
44 kill, and it tipped off the fingers of a Pirates player and fell



45 out of bounds, the point, set and match was awarded to the  
46 Cavaliers, who immediately made a dogpile on the court in  
47 celebration of their first ever state title; and

48 WHEREAS, the team finished their season with amazing spikes,  
49 serves and saves by individual players, but the key to the team's  
50 success each year has been the amazing team spirit and year-round  
51 hard work; and

52 WHEREAS, Head Coach Samantha Brooks has superbly coached and  
53 inspired the Cavaliers Volleyball Team and broadened their  
54 knowledge of the game while refining their skills in execution,  
55 and she continues to build upon the legacy of superior play and  
56 true sportsmanship forged by the tenacious and undaunted spirit of  
57 each team member, as evidenced in her ability to produce high  
58 caliber players and plays and by the team's successful season; and

59 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to  
60 recognize and honor the achievements of student-athletes such as  
61 the Caledonia High School Cavaliers Volleyball Team, who have  
62 brought honor to their school, their community, and to the State  
63 of Mississippi:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF  
65 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby  
66 commend and congratulate the Caledonia High School Cavaliers  
67 Volleyball Team and Head Coach Samantha Brooks for winning their  
68 first ever Mississippi High School Activities Association (MHSAA)  
69 Class 4A State Volleyball Championship, and extend best wishes to



70 the team and coaches for continued success in all their future  
71 endeavors.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be  
73 furnished to Head Coach Samantha Brooks and to the members of the  
74 Capitol Press Corps.

